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Title: METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR  
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE NATRIURETIC  
PEPTIDES AND FOR  
IMPROVING THEIR  
THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006 (hereinafter, "the Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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